AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1   1.   (Currently Amended) A method for use in a user system capable of

2   communicating over a network, comprising:

3   receiving, in the user system, a control message for a call session over the

4   network;

5   receiving one or more predetermined criteria entered by a user through a user

6   interface of the user system;

7   comparing, by <u>a rules engine executable in</u> the user system, information in the

8   control message against the one or more predetermined criteria; and

9   loading a web page, in the user system, based on the comparison <u>by the rules</u>

10   <u>engine</u> of information in the control message with the one or more predetermined criteria.

1   2.   (Cancelled)

1   3.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein loading the web page

2   includes launching a web browser to perform a service separate from and in addition to call

3   control and status and media-related tasks.

1   4.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising sending one or more

2   messages in response to the control message to establish a call session.

1   5.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the control message

2   includes receiving a message according to a predetermined protocol for establishing a real-time

3   audio-based interactive communications session.

1   6.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the control message

2   includes receiving a message for establishing a real-time text-based communications session.

1   7.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the control message

2   includes receiving a message according to a Session Initiation Protocol.

1   8.   (Cancelled)

1   9.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, further comprising receiving,

2   through the user interface, a name of a software routine corresponding to the web browser to be

3   launched.

1   10.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, further comprising receiving user-

2   defined data from the user interface, the user-defined data for passing to the launched web

3   browser.

1   11.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the control message is

2   performed by a protocol-aware module and comparing the information is performed by a

3   separate module.

1   12.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein comparing the information in the

2   control message includes comparing an identifier of a caller.

1   13.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein comparing the information in the

2   control message includes comparing an identifier of a callee.

1   14.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein comparing the

2   information in the control message includes comparing information selected from the group

3   consisting of time, date, message subject, message priority, and message direction.

1   15.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising launching different ones of

2   plural routines based on the comparison of the control message information with the one or more

3   predetermined criteria.

1   16.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the control message
2 includes receiving a Session Initiation Protocol Invite request.

1   17.   (Previously Presented) A user system comprising:
2   a processor;
3   a web browser executable on the processor;
4   a user interface to receive a set of one or more user-defined rules;
5   a network interface to receive a call request over a network;
6   a protocol-aware module executable on the processor to process the call request;
7 and
8   a rules processing module executable on the processor to compare information in
9 the call request with the set of one or more user-defined rules, and to invoke the web browser
10 based on comparing the information in the call request with the set of one or more user-defined
11 rules.

1   18.   (Cancelled)

1   19.   (Previously Presented) The user system of claim 17, wherein the web browser
2 performs a task that is separate from and in addition to call control, call status, and media-related
3 services.

1   20.   (Cancelled)

1   21.   (Previously Presented) The user system of claim 17, wherein the user interface is
2 adapted to receive a name of a software routine corresponding to the web browser to be invoked.

1   22.   (Previously Presented) The user system of claim 21, wherein the user interface is
2 further capable of receiving user-defined data to pass with the launching of the web browser.

1   23.   (Cancelled)

1   24.   (Previously Presented) The user system of claim 17, wherein the call request

2   includes a Session Initiation Protocol Invite request.

1   25.   (Previously Presented) An article including one or more storage media containing

2   instructions for controlling a user device in a communications system having a network, the

3   instructions when executed causing the user device to:

4   transmit a control message according to a predetermined protocol for establishing

5   a call session over the network;

6   provide a user interface in the user device to receive one or more predetermined

7   user-defined rules;

8   compare information in the control message with one or more predetermined

9   user-defined rules; and

10   load a web page in response to comparing the information in the control message

11   with the one or more predetermined user-defined rules.

1   26.   (Original) The article of claim 25, wherein the predetermined protocol provides

2   for real-time interactive communications sessions.

1   27.   (Original) The article of claim 25, wherein the predetermined protocol provides

2   for text-based chat sessions.

1   28.   (Original) The article of claim 25, wherein the predetermined protocol includes a

2   Session Initiation Protocol.

1   29.   (Currently Amended) A data signal embodied in a carrier wave and comprising

2 instructions for controlling a user device in a communications system, the instructions when

3 executed causing the user device to:

4   receive a call request according to a first protocol;

5   provide a user interface to receive one or more user criteria;

6   perform a rules check of information in the call request by ~~comparing~~ <u>invoking a</u>

7 <u>rules engine to compare</u> information in the call request with the one or more user criteria; and

8   launch a web browser based on the rules check <u>performed by the rules engine</u>.

1   30.   (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

2   a plurality of software routines;

3   a storage device containing user-entered rules including a first set of rules and a

4 second set of rules; and

5   a controller adapted to<u>:</u>

6   <u>receive one of an inbound and outbound message;</u>

7   <u>compare information in the message with the user-entered rules;</u>

8   launch a first software routine [[if]] <u>in response to the controller</u>

9 <u>determining that</u> the first set of rules is satisfied<u>;</u> and [[to]]

10   launch a second software routine [[if]] <u>in response to the controller</u>

11 <u>determining that</u> the second set of rules is satisfied.

1   31.   (Previously Presented) A user system comprising:

2   a web browser;

3   a network interface to transmit a call request for establishing a call session over a

4 network;

5   a user interface to receive user-entered rules;

6   a storage device to store the user-entered rules; and

7   a controller adapted to compare information in the call request with the user-

8 entered rules and to load a web page in the web browser in response to the comparing.

1   32.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving a

2   uniform resource locator (URL) through the user interface, wherein loading the web page

3   includes opening the web page specified by the URL received through the user interface.

1   33.   (Previously Presented) The user system of claim 17, wherein the user interface is

2   adapted to receive a uniform resource locator (URL), and wherein the web browser invoked

3   based on the comparing is adapted to open a web page specified by the received URL.

1   34.   (Previously Presented) The user system of claim 17, wherein the one or more

2   user-defined rules are selected from the group consisting of time, date, message subject, message

3   priority, and message direction.

1   35.   (Previously Presented) The article of claim 25, wherein the instructions when

2   executed cause the user device to further receive a uniform resource locator (URL) through the

3   user interface, wherein loading the web page includes opening a web page specified by the URL

4   received through the user interface.

1   36.   (Previously Presented) The data signal of claim 29, wherein the instructions

2   when executed cause the user device to further receive a uniform resource locator (URL) through

3   the user interface, wherein launching the web browser includes opening a web page specified by

4   the URL received through the user interface.

1   37.   (Previously Presented) The data signal of claim 29, wherein the one or more user

2   criteria are selected from the group consisting of time, date, message subject, message priority,

3   and message direction.

1   38.   (Previously Presented) The user system of claim 31, wherein the user interface is

2   adapted to receive a uniform resource locator (URL), and wherein the web page loaded in

3   response to the comparing is specified by the received URL.

1   39.   (Previously Presented) The user system of claim 31, wherein the user-entered

2   rules are selected from the group consisting of time, date, message subject, message priority, and

3   message direction.